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Flag at Half Staff

CDF Honors US Forest Service Firefighters

Sacramento - Flags at all California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) facilities will be lowered to half staff today (July 29, 2002) in remembrance of the three US Forest Service firefighters who lost their lives this weekend while battling a wildfire in the Lassen National Forest. The flags will remain at half staff until services are completed for each crew member.

Steven Oustad of Westwood, Heather DePaolo of Redding, and John Self of Susanville died when their fire engine went over an embankment and rolled into a ravine. Two other federal firefighters were injured. For details about the incident the media may call 530 841-0683 or 0658.

Director Andrea Tuttle and all of the employees of CDF extend our condolences to the Forest Service and the victims' loved ones.

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